GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF LNG TERMINAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared the proposal for setting up of LNG terminal in joint venture at Cochin (Kerala);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its installed capacity; and

(c) the estimated profits of GAIL, IOC and BPL likely to be increased due to it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) Petronet LNG Ltd.(PLL), a joint venture of Gas Authority of India Ltd., Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Indian C Corporation Ltd. and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., is setting up LNG Terminal at Cochin (Kerala). PLL has signed a long term LNG Sale Purchase Agreement with M/s RasGas of Qatar for supply of 2.5 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) LNG from Januar 2005 for the Cochin Terminal. The estimated cost of the terminal is US$360 million.

(c) There is potential of earning of profit by the promoting companies through dividend proportionate to their equity participation after operation of the terminal for a reasonable period.